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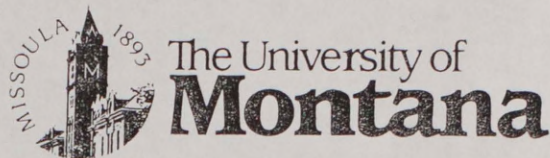
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UM MATH DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES ITS 100-YEAR-OLD HOME

MISSOULA—

The University of Montana's venerable Math Building will celebrate 100 years of service with an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

The public is welcome to tour the historic building, which was built in 1903 as a women's residence hall. Historical blueprints and photographs will be displayed, and refreshments will be available throughout the day in Math Room 104. Cake will be served there at 3:30 p.m.

Then at 4:10 p.m. in Math Room 109, UM art Associate Professor H. Rafael Chacón will give a lecture titled "A.J. Gibson's Women's Hall at The University of Montana: A Brief History."

The Math Building originally was designed by noted architect A.J. Gibson to provide housing for UM's growing female population. Chacón said the University's third building was a significant departure from early plans for UM in both style and location, yet it added a new level of elegance to the emerging campus. It also revealed the University's dedication to the education of women at the turn of the last century.

Besides discussing Math Building history, Chacón will talk about his upcoming book on the life and work of A.J. Gibson, whom he calls Missoula's most important architect.

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